

HOUSE BILL No. 1181

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-19-17-1.5.

Synopsis: Ban on visual display screens while driving. Provides that a person who operates a motor vehicle upon a highway while: (1) a video monitor; (2) a portable computer; or (3) another similar device capable of providing a visual display; that can be seen by the person is operating in the motor vehicle commits a Class C infraction, with certain exceptions.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-19-17-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 1.5. (a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle**
4 **upon a highway while:**

5 (1) a video monitor;

6 (2) a portable computer; or

7 (3) another similar device capable of providing a visual
8 display;

9 **that can be seen by the person is operating in the motor vehicle.**

10 **(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to:**

11 (1) portable cellular telephones or personal data assistants
12 being used for verbal communication; and

13 (2) equipment that is displaying only:

14 (A) audio equipment information, functions, and controls;

15 (B) vehicle information or controls related to speed, fuel
16 level, battery charge, or other vehicle safety or equipment
17 information;

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- 1 (C) navigation information or global positioning;
- 2 (D) maps; or
- 3 (E) visual information to:
- 4 (i) enhance or supplement the driver's view forward,
- 5 behind, or to the sides of the motor vehicle for the
- 6 purpose of maneuvering the vehicle; or
- 7 (ii) allow the driver to monitor vehicle occupants seated
- 8 behind the driver.

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